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TITLE OF INVENTION LIFTING DEVICE WITH MOVABLE LIFTING COLUMNS

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/341,832

Applicant(s)

Berends et al.

Examiner

Paul Chin

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—The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address—

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment received 3/21/2001
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-29
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____
5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION.** This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____ | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Herbert Cantor on June 4, 2001.

2. The application has been amended as follows: **in the specification,**

C1 a subtitle ~~--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--~~ has been inserted on page 1, before line 1;

C2 a subtitle ~~--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--~~ has been inserted on page 1,

between lines 3 and 4; and

C3 a subtitle ~~--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--~~ has been inserted on page 1, between

lines 16 and 17.

202 In the **claims**, the word ~~--said--~~ has been inserted before the word "lifting" (claims 12, line 2, claim 1⁴~~7~~-16, in line 2, claims 20-21, line 2, and claims 26-29, line 2) and the word "listing" has been changed to ~~--lifting--~~ (claims 22-24, line 7).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Chin whose telephone number is (703) 305-2524.

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June 4, 2001

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4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Kuhn [5,184,930] shows a vehicle lift having at least two lifting columns (Fig. 6) provided with a support foot (12); a carriage (28); a lifting member (60); safety means (22); and drive means (6) for displacing the carriage. The Netherlands Patent [325,811] appears to show connecting lines (13) (Figs. 1-4) in a closed circuit.

However, Kuhn [5,184,930] in view of the Netherlands Patent [325,811] does not show *the connecting lines being formed as a digital data bus, control means adapted to exchange the digital signal through the data bus, and an operating means connected to the connecting lines for simultaneous actuation of the control means of all the lifting columns* in combination with other limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Chin whose telephone number is (703) 305-1524.

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